

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Here we are in a new Federal Fiscal Year and we still have no idea what the Federal Budget is going to end up being, which is critical to all of us in the emergency management area. There are indications some programs may be reduced below the Federal Fiscal '85 level. Just how much and where those reductions will be is not available as of this writing; however, by the time you read this, we may know the answers to these questions.

As emergency management professionals representing state and local governments, we know and understand the need for good fiscal management.

It has become more important than ever for you to approach your program as one of total emergency management, encompassing the requirements of all hazards. Only this way can we identify the need for financial assistance in the planning, response, and recovery from all types of disasters and emergencies.

I am sorry we could not get together this fall, because we do not know what our funding is going to be; however, I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Governor's Conference, which will be held in February 1986.

George M. DeWolf

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>POINT OF CONTACT</u>
October 1	Critique - Sulfuric Acid Spill-Broadwater Co.	Ray Doggett
2	Haz Mat - Comm Exercise - Stillwater Co.	Tom Kelly
4-5	AAPCO Frequency Coord. Committee Mtg-Helena	Homer Young
9-10	Instructional Techniques Course-Helena	Kate Selby
9-10	Northwest Emergency Officials Mtg. Victoria BC	George DeWolf
15	All bill for last fiscal year due in Helena	Eva Bohling
17	Table-Top Exercise-Earthquake Scenario-L&C Co.	Paul Spengler
17-20	National Emergency Management Assoc.-Nashville,TN	George DeWolf
22	District 2 Coordinators meeting - Choteau Co.	Carl King
22-24	Western States Seismic Policy Council-Portland	Jan Henry
28-Nov 1	EPC Curriculum Comm. Mtg-Emmitsburg, MD	Chris Christensen
29-30	Explosives & Bombs School-Butte-Silver Bow	Wilma Puich
30-31	EPA Teleconference-Planning for Potable Water Supplies - Helena	Mary Arnold-Braun
November 7	Radiological Monitoring Course-Glacier Co.	Dan Lieberg
13	Teleconference-Fire Service Mgmt.	Dan Lieberg
13	District 4 Coordinators Meeting - Glendive	Norm Parrent
14	Formulating Public Policy Course-Great Falls	Chuck McCombs
18	Teleconference-Acute Hazard Preparedness Program	Dan Lieberg
<i>Rescheduled</i> 18-22	Emergency Planning Course - Helena	Kate Selby
18-22	FEMA, Region 8 Director's Meeting-Denver	George DeWolf
23	Mass Casualty Exercise - Missoula	Orin Olsgaard
December 3-5	Exercise Design Course - Havre	Kate Selby
3-5	Teleconference-ARSON: Legal Issues	Dan Lieberg
January 1	Deadline for Newsletter Articles - Helena	Mary Arnold-Braun
10	District 1 Coordinators Meeting - Missoula	Earl Wahl
February 1	Next Newsletter distributed	
19-21	Governor's Conference - Tentatively Fairmont Hot Springs	Chris Christensen

THE MONTANA DES NEWSLETTER

Recently a survey was conducted concerning the future of the Montana DES Newsletter. This survey was prompted by the rising costs of publication and distribution.

There were many responses, some people made suggestions on format, some commented on content, to those readers who provided input into the survey, our sincere thanks to you. The final and most important result of this survey was the overwhelming appreciation of what the Montana DES Newsletter brings to it's readers.

So, the newsletter will continue to be published and distributed in October, February and May.

The purpose of the newsletter will be to inform and educate readers about emergency management, the specific programs in our State Office and activities in the local offices. Each of the program people on staff will write articles for the newsletter and the four District Representatives will include information on district activities.

There will also be a calendar of upcoming events. This calendar will list all known activities in the State pertinent to DES. Regional and National meetings of interest will be included in this listing, too.

Information on local programs, exercises and other activities will be included when you send it through your district representative to the State Office. Your input is imperative to make the newsletter serve you better.

Chris Christensen

General Julius Becton, currently the head of Disaster Relief Services for the Agency of International Development (State Dept.) has been nominated as the new Director of FEMA. Congressional approval of the appointment is pending.

COMPUTERIZATION OF MONTANA DISASTER & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Helena office of Montana Disaster and Emergency Services will be purchasing computers shortly. The last legislature authorized this purchase.

The ordering of the equipment will be done in the near future. The new state term contracts, which are lower than last year, will expand the purchasing power of the legislature authorization. The new equipment is expected to be delivered prior to the first of the year.

The Information Systems Division of the Department of Administration has been working with DES on the purchase of this equipment. The needs assessment is completed. Numerous considerations were addressed, including how the system could eventually link to other agencies at all levels of government.

The Helena staff is currently going through a self-paced basic computer training program. Eventually that training will be expanded to include soft-ware applications.

Chris Christensen

RESOURCE LIST UPDATE

If Environmental Services, Inc. (Reidel International) is on your resource list, please note that their 24-hour Emergency Hot Line has been changed to 1-800-334-0004. In addition to their response to oil and hazardous material spills, they have expanded their capabilities in hazardous waste site clean-up, asbestos removal, underground spill recovery (including biodegradation) and the sale of oil absorbents.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TELECONFERENCE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has sponsored two teleconferences involving hazardous materials. The first one on June 25, 1985, "Hazardous Materials Incidents - Issues for Planning," dealt with a discussion on a systematic planning approach necessary to achieve a level of readiness for managing and responding to hazardous materials incidents. The second teleconference, aired on September 12, 1985, was entitled "Hazardous Materials Tactics - Scene Safety." The objective of this teleconference was to define and describe the major safety considerations, which must be addressed at a hazardous materials incident, including approach, exclusion zones, contamination zones, decontamination procedures, incident command posts, and other topics. Both teleconferences have been video taped by this office and all subsequent teleconferences will also be taped. If you would like a copy, send us a tape and we will dub it for you.

Further teleconferences sponsored by FEMA and EPA are:

- Oct 16 Innovations In Structural and Chemical Protective Clothing. - Westar V Satellite Transponder 12 Cross (Channel 24).
- Oct 30-31 Emergency Planning-Potable Water Supplies-(10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. EDT). - Westar IV Satellite, Transponder 12D.
- Nov 13 Fire Service Management. Westar V Satellite, Transponder 12 Cross(Channel 24)
- Nov 18 Acute Hazard Preparedness Program-(11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EDT).-Galaxy III, Transponder 5H.
- Dec 11 Arson: Legal Issues.
- Feb 12 Public Education.
- Mar 12 Residential Sprinklers.

Additional information concerning these teleconferences will be provided to the District Representatives as we receive it.

FORT PECK DAM EXERCISE AN OVERVIEW

Early in 1984, representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District met with the Montana Division of Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) to request support of a test of the contingency plan written for the Fort Peck Project. The Montana DES office agreed to coordinate the Corps Fort Peck plan evaluation.

On November 4, 1984, local government officials and county DES coordinators from those jurisdictions which would be affected by a failure of the Fort Peck Dam attended an orientation seminar. This seminar was conducted by Montana DES and its primary objective was to obtain a firm commitment from local government officials to support the exercise.

A series of multi-jurisdictional seminars took place over an eight (8) month time-frame. Each seminar consisted of refresher modules of the Exercise Design Course, a table-top exercise, and formulation of the next seminar's agenda and objectives.

Participating jurisdictions included Roosevelt, McCone, Richland and Valley Counties in Montana; Williams County in North Dakota; Montana and North Dakota Disaster and Emergency Services Divisions; Fort Peck Project Manager and project personnel; and the Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District.

The Fort Peck Dam Exercise began at 7:45 a.m., on Monday, July 22, 1985. It was halted at approximately 5:00 p.m., and resumed at 7:00 a.m., on July 23rd. All emergency operation centers were de-activated by 11:30 a.m., on the 23rd. The general debriefing took place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24th.

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TRAINING AND EXERCISING

Over one hundred fifty individuals from communities around Montana attended region-wide emergency management training in Fiscal Year 1985. Over 80 percent of those individuals attended courses conducted in the State of Montana; the others attended courses in North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. Numbers are not as important as what participants learned that help improve emergency management program participation in their own communities. Skill and knowledge is only as valuable as the commitment to apply it for the benefit of the community.

A number of jurisdictions have very active exercise programs. There is a growing interest by members of the emergency management community in improving disaster preparedness through exercises. This is, in part, attributed to participation in the Exercise Design Course. The Exercise Design Course is one of the few courses which specifically address planning, designing, conducting and evaluating emergency management exercises. This course, conducted recently in Butte, Montana was attended by fifty people.

McCone, Powell, Roosevelt, Flathead, Valley and Blaine Counties participated in advanced exercises within the last year. This usually includes the activation of an Emergency Operations Center coupled with the mobilization of equipment and personnel. Field exercises or disaster drills have taken place in Lake, Ravalli, Custer, Lewis & Clark, Sheridan, Blaine and Petroleum Counties.

People who take the time and make the effort to attend emergency management courses are committed to the overall mission of preventing injury, loss of life, and damage to property. They can be a valuable resource in your training and exercising efforts.

THE FORMULATING PUBLIC POLICY IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Formulating Public Policy Course is an 8-hour course for public officials. The course is presented in a workshop setting. The course emphasizes emergency management awareness, information, and skill development. Approximately 40 percent of the time is allotted to the instructors presentations with the remaining 60 percent devoted to discussion and group exercises. Participants are divided into 4 group working teams. The goal of this course is to increase the public officials ability to establish and execute public policy in emergency management.

This course is available throughout Montana. Counties and city staffs can join together in their own community for this training.

To insure that there are 4 groups of public officials it may be advantageous for several adjacent counties to join together for the course.

The target audience for this course is key public officials, mayors, county commissioners, sheriff, chief of police, fire chiefs, medical administrators, public information officers and city and county DES coordinators.

The course has been presented once in Montana and is scheduled for November for the City of Great Falls, Cascade County and the other incorporated towns of the county.

Questions and comments concerning this course can be directed to your District Representative and the Helena Office.

AN UPDATED LISTING OF DES COORDINATORS
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SOON.

EARTHQUAKE PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

The earthquake damage caused in Mexico City and activities associated with the 50th Anniversary of the 1935 Earthquake in Helena have increased awareness of earthquakes throughout Montana. Several programs are currently available to take advantage of this interest in earthquakes. These programs are designed to decrease the hazards in schools during earthquakes and to educate children about earthquake hazards.

SCHOOL SURVEYS

State DES provided copies of a California publication (modified for Montana) called "Living Safely in Your School Building: Ten Hazards Common To All School Buildings" and a companion document called "Searching the School for Non-Structural Earthquake Hazards" to Lewis and Clark and Butte-Silver Bow County DES Coordinators. Surveys of all schools in these counties have been conducted and problem areas on a class-by-class basis identified. Some of the non-structural hazards which have been identified are: 1) Windows which could shatter inwards, 2) Bookshelves or free standing shelving which could topple over and cause injury or block emergency exits, 3) Various equipment such as computers, typewriters, TV's, VHS, etc., which are unsecured and could fall off desks or tables, 4) Hazardous chemicals and other contents on unsecured shelving, and 5) Hanging objects such as potted plants, clocks, maps, projector screens, etc., which are not firmly anchored to wall studs.

School superintendents and principals are analyzing the survey findings to see which hazard mitigation recommendations should be considered, which are priority concerns, and what can reasonably be afforded.

In addition, decisions on scheduling earthquake drills and adopting a uniform student release policy are being considered. Regularly scheduled drills

teaching children to drop and cover their heads under their desks, and on how to evacuate the building after the earthquake stops, will probably be adopted in Lewis and Clark County Schools. A uniform student release policy which is clearly understood by students, teachers and especially parents will lessen the concern or panic of teachers and parents after an earthquake and protect and promote the safety of the students. These types of policies are effective and inexpensive and significantly contribute to mitigating the hazard for occupants of school buildings.

H.E.L.P. TRAINING PACKAGE

Recently, FEMA, Region VIII was given a Hands-on Earthquake Larning Package (H.E.L.P.), which is an extensive and comprehensive package of training tools and lesson plans primarily for use in schools grades 2-8. This package can be loaned out to any state in the region for demonstration purposes. Kate Selby and Jan Henry received a one-day briefing on its use.

This package will be in the State, and our office will demonstrate it at the annual meeting of the Association of School Superintendents and Association of School Boards in Great Falls on October 18, 1985. How long we will be able to keep it in Montana is still a question.

EARTHQUAKE PUBLICATIONS

The State Office has been able to obtain from Hanna-Barbera Productions, Inc., 15,000 copies of the Yogi Bear "Earthquake Preparedness" coloring books. This publication was recently prepared for, and used by California in their earthquake preparedness campaign with great success. It is geared for the children in grades 1-3, and does an excellent job giving them a basic earthquake preparedness message.

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DISTRICT I

Since the last newsletter, the biggest news from District I is the success of meetings of the District I coordinators who are members of the Montana DES Coordinator's Association (MDESCA). At least half of the district one counties have attended each of the three meetings held so far, all in Missoula. To date, the two major undertakings of the group are the establishment of a video library and sponsorship of a bomb and explosive school. At this point, both activities are being undertaken by and for District I members but might be expanded to other districts, time and personpower (sic) permitting. The video tape library is being compiled by Missoula County DES with Willie Malone, Mobilization Augmentee for coordinator Orin Olsgaard, doing the lion's share of the work. The bomb school is being coordinated by Wilma Puich, Butte-Silver Bow DES, and will be taught in Butte, Oct. 29-30, by experts from the army's Explosive Ordinance Detachment from F. Douglas, Utah. Response from law enforcement, fire and other District I agencies has been outstanding. Other district MDESCA activities and discussions have included a discussion of mutual aid led by deputy Missoula County Attorney Mike Sehestedt, a tour of the recently completed Missoula County medical response bus, and passage of resolutions related to state standards for local programs, mutual aid and other matters of importance to local coordinators statewide.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 1986.

DISTRICT II

District II should have two new EOC's within the near future. Pondera County officials have given final approval on the plans for their new Jail and EOC project. Construction should begin very soon. Helen can hardly wait. Fergus County officials are making some

changes at this time but hope to have final plans approved and construction started prior to winter. Tom has spent many hours and a lot of effort as the driving force behind completion of this project.

Logan Hazen (JB) is rewriting his EOP and doing some very good PR work within the county. Clay Vincent (Hill) is doing extensive work on communications within the county and has moved into his new office, he even has a desk now.

Carl King (Blaine) hosted the very first Formulating Public Policy in Emergency Management Course during September. Representatives from Blaine County, City of Chinook, City of Harlem and various first responders from throughout the county were in attendance.

The new jail facility in Chouteau County is progressing way ahead of schedule. Gil Wethern reports that the Communications Officer from the sheriff's office is working very close with him to insure that the county will have a good communications system when the project is completed.

Bob Busenbark (Petroleum) designed, conducted and supervised a very good exercise for the county. No one at the exercise could remember when one had been held which involved so many people and they all wanted a follow-up exercise.

Billie and Butch (why does that sound like an outlaw gang?) (Glacier) are making great strides in accomplishing very enthusiastic goals for this year. Now if they can just convince the City that you really do have a problem when the creek runs dry...

Al Klingler (Toole) now has a very capable assistant coordinator, Irene Gottfried. Welcome aboard Irene.

Hal Million and members of the state planning staff will be finalizing the Great Falls EOP.

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DISTRICT III

During the past six months, every county in District 3 has experienced emergencies which have involved multiple agency response. The most spectacular event was the sulfuric acid spill in Broadwater County near Townsend. The State Highway Department, Highway Patrol, Department of Health, State DES, private industry, and all county emergency response departments participated. No one was killed or seriously injured.

The county responders led by Ray Doggett, DES Coordinator, performed exceptionally well. This incident demonstrated the ability of county and state agencies to work together in an extremely hazardous situation. A critique was held on October 1st. A copy of the critique report will be made available in the near future.

Two District 3 meetings have been held. The consensus is that they are effective and will continue.

Creation of Emergency Operation Plans is in the process in Yellowstone, Broadwater, Carbon, Park and Gallatin Counties. The Gallatin County Plan is

close to being finalized for printing. A tremendous amount of work has gone into the Gallatin County Plan. One thing everyone should consider in the creation of new plans: it takes alot of time to address all of the details. Do not project unrealistic time-frames when scheduling your plan completion.

A controversy concerning the drilling of a wildcat oil/gas well in Gallatin County resulted in some effective cooperation between the SOHIO Oil Company, local residents, and emergency services. The problem centered around the potential for release of H₂S (Hydrogen Sulfide), which is a deadly gas, during drilling. The final result of the negotiations was an agreement that all company safety plans will be reviewed and approved by the local emergency department heads before drilling will

in state and local laws governing drilling operations. Fortunately, this situation occurred in a county which has a zoning district. This allowed local restrictions to be placed on the drilling operation to protect the local populace potentially in danger from an H₂S release. State and local laws need to be upgraded to address this extremely hazardous situation.

DISTRICT IV MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 1985 COURTHOUSE, GLENDAVE, MONTANA

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Glen Kapitzke, Custer Co. Coordinator, was injured in an auto accident early in the morning September 9, 1985, about 30 miles north of Pierre, South Dakota. Glen was traveling to a FEMA sponsored regional training course in Pierre.

He was taken to Pierre, then transported by air ambulance to Sioux Falls, where he underwent major lower back surgery. On September 26th he was transferred to the Black Hills Rehabilitation Hospital (2908 5th Street, Room 205 Bed 1, Rapid City, S.D. 57701) Notes and cards can be sent to the above address. His stay may be from 30 to 120 days depending upon his progress. His response was very positive to the first few days of therapy and he continues to be in good spirits.

Fallon County has completed moving the dispatch/warning center into the EOC. They have purchased a county wide high-band communications system.

Norm Parrent

NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE WARNING SYSTEM (NAWAS)

The primary purpose of NAWAS is to provide for nationwide civil defense attack warning. The Disaster Relief Act of 1974, authorized the use of civil defense communications systems for Natural Disaster and Severe Weather Warning. This made NAWAS a valuable warning communications tool for local governments. In addition to the warning function, local governments are permitted to use NAWAS for official business on a day to day basis. However, attack, natural disaster, or severe weather warnings will take priority over all other communications.

There are currently 33 stations connected to the NAWAS circuit in Montana, including 7 stations located at National Weather Service offices. Of the 33 stations all but 5 are manned on a 24-hour basis.

Because NAWAS is an Attack Warning System, several roll call tests are conducted on a daily basis by the State warning point. The purpose of the test is to detect network and/or equipment troubles, if any, and get them repaired as soon as possible.

EARTHQUAKES (CON'T FROM PAGE 5)

Depending on the total cost of shipping to this office, they may be free or available on a pro-rated basis to local DES coordinators.

The Office has obtained a large quantity of the FEMA publication "Safety Tips for Earthquakes," which is available for local DES coordinators. The Office has also obtained permission from the American Red Cross to modify a California publication of theirs called "Earthquake Preparedness Checklist for Business and Industry." This is available on a limited basis.

If you have wanted to start an earthquake awareness program, contact Jan Henry for more information.

All transmissions on the NAWAS circuit are heard at all stations connected to the circuit. Many of these stations are located in areas frequented by the general public. The NAWAS circuit should not be used to transmit any information of a sensitive or confidential nature.

To insure immediate availability of NAWAS for emergency operations, strict control of the circuit is necessary. The Montana State Warning Point will continuously monitor the circuit and take immediate action to stop unauthorized use of the circuit.

If you have any questions or equipment problems call Homer Young, Communications Officer, Montana Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, Helena, MT Telephone 444-6911.

Homer Young

DISTRICT II (CON'T FROM PAGE 6)

Jim Hamilton (Teton) has spent many hours assisting Sheriff Howard in the design and development of a county wide communications system. Also Jim's dream of having a functional mobile EOC is moving closer.

Bill (Cascade) made good use of the Mobile EOC again this summer. It was utilized during the fire season and also for various exercises.

The Air Force exercise was changed from September 17 to the 24th due to the ground being too wet at the exercise site and by the 24th it was still too wet so was moved to on-base. Quite a change from last year when it was cancelled due to it being too dry. Maybe next year...

Rod Keith (Liberty) performed some floodplain work for the City, he also claims that if he can find a course without trees he can lower his score considerably. Lyle Stewart (Phillips) says he wants to give Dodson to Blaine County what with the derailment and water problems.

Charles McCombs

S N O W C O O L S R A I L C A R S

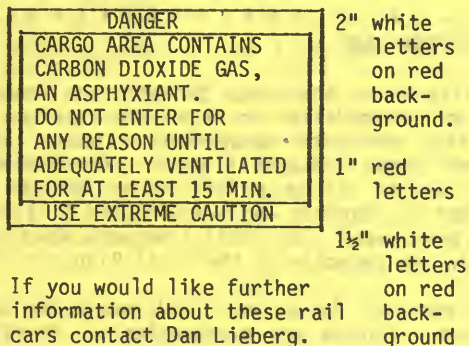
Technology has allowed the Burlington Northern Railroad Company to convert mechanical refrigerator cars to a new non-mechanical refrigeration system that utilizes carbon dioxide snow.

The CO₂ (Cryogenic) rail car is a heavily insulated vehicle with a self-contained unit which has the capability of transporting frozen products at a temperature of -80° fahrenheit or less. This is accomplished by loading the car with approximately 18,000 pounds of Liquid CO₂. The liquid CO₂ forms CO₂ snow, which generates cold air as it changes to vapor. The vapor circulates through the rail car by convectional means.

Since this refrigeration system uses CO₂, certain precautions must be taken to insure the safety of persons working around the cars. CO₂ vapor will not support life, so extreme caution must be used before entering a rail car employing this method of refrigeration. After the doors have been opened wait at least 15 minutes before entering the car. CO₂ snow has temperatures of -109° fahrenheit and should not be handled without proper protective clothing.

Carbon dioxide snow and carbon dioxide vapor are not flammable, in fact, CO₂ is used in many fire extinguishers. However, the cryogenic rail cars are insulated with foamed-in poly-urethane insulation. Polyurethane will burn and gives off a thick acrid smoke, which should not be inhaled. Polyurethane is self-extinguishing and will not continue to burn once the source of heat or fire has been removed.

These cars are easily recognizable. There is a 13½" x 23" warning stencil permanently applied to the exterior of the rail car doors. The stencil is red and white and contains the information in the diagram below:



NATURAL HAZARD SURVEYS CONTINUE

During the Federal Fiscal Year 1985, Natural Hazard Vulnerability Surveys were conducted in Lewis & Clark, Beaverhead, Gallatin, Broadwater and Teton Counties.

During Fiscal Year 1986 surveys will be conducted in Anaconda-Deer Lodge County (November 1985), City of Great Falls (December 1985 through March 1986),uster County (April 1986), and Yellowstone County (May through September 1986).

The primary effort is to identify shelters that will be needed in the event of a natural disaster. Natural disasters for which selters may be needed are earthquakes, floods, high winds, tornados, winter storms, hazardous material incidents, and etc.

Shelter capacity needed is based on ten percent of the census population for each county. Red cross projections suggest a shelter capacity of only eight percent of the population, the added two percent gives a little cushion. Space per person is computed at a rate of forty square feet per person to be sheltered.

Most shelters are public school buildings which have the capability to house, feed and cleanse those in need of shelter on a temporary basis. These facilities provide the greatest shelter capacity per unit. If the schools do not provide the needed shelter capacity within a county, churches, fraternal halls, senior centers and other public buildings will be surveyed.

Shelter space identified is not necessarily nuclear fallout shelter, but may be. Only portions of buidings that would not disrupt the day-to-day academic of the building will be designated shelter space such as gymnasiums, cafeterias, band rooms and choral rooms.

Information on the vulnerability of each building surveyed to hazards most prevalent in each county will be sent in a usable form to local DES coordinators.

If your county isn't designated this year, please be patient, we will get to you eventually.

Don Sinnott

FORT PECK (CON'T FROM PAGE 3)

It is especially noted that each jurisdiction took into consideration their specific needs and capabilities in regard to disaster preparedness and improvement of respective emergency management systems. Each jurisdiction designed exercises to meet those individual needs. The Montana DES office role in the local exercises was to act as a facilitator for the development of the exercises, coordinator of resource and support, and fill the roles such as evaluator for the actual exercises. The State Emergency Operations Center was activated and functioned in the capacity of the State Plan.

This type of exercise is an excellent means for adjoining jurisdictions to exercise together. Seldom are emergencies or disasters limited to the boundaries of just one community.

Other jurisdictions interested in putting on this type of exercise should contact their District Representative.

SBA DECLARATION HELPS COUNTIES

Following receipt of fifty-five (55) county drought disaster requests which were supported by USDA County Emergency Board Damage Assessment Reports, Governor Ted Schwinden, on August 2, 1985, formally requested John R. Block, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to declare the 55 counties as drought disaster areas. Jefferson County is the only county in Montana that was not included in the Governors request.

On August 30, 1985, Secretary Block, designated the 55 counties as natural disaster areas where eligible farmers may qualify for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) emergency loan assistance. Jefferson County was also named as a contiguous county where eligible farmers may qualify for emergency loan assistance.

On September 11, 1985, 55 counties were designated economic injury disaster areas because of drought by John Cronholm, District Director of the Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA designation included all Montana counties except Jefferson, and makes economic injury loans available to eligible farmers and small businesses that qualify.

The SBA held a series of two-day meetings at fifteen different locations across the State during the last week of September and the first week of October, to explain their economic injury loan program and take applications for loans. If you know of a farmer or small businessman who wants information about the SBA loan program or an application form, have them call SBA's Disaster Area Office in Sacramento Toll Free at 1-800-468-1710.

Any farmer who wants information or application forms for the FmHA emergency loan program should contact their local county FmHA office.

Jim Anderson

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Fallon County is without a coordinator. Kevin Fenner left July 1, 1985, to do research for a legal firm in Baker, MT.

Mel Schenkenberg, Roosevelt County Coordinator resigned September 9, 1985. He is devoting his time to his novelty and printing business on a full-time basis.

Jim Johnson is the new Park County DES Coordinator. Jim is a Montana Power Company employee. He has a background in fire service and communications. He has jumped into DES with both feet.

Mike Fleming has retired from the position of Park County DES Coordinator. Mike was with the organization since its inception. We hope to have Mike at the Governor's Conference so everyone can take their best shot at him for deserting. Ray Doggett is the Broadwater County DES Coordinator. Ray has a background with EMS and volunteer fire departments. Ray has been baptized early with 3 hazardous material spills in the last month.

Joe Foster, Planner with the State DES, has resigned. He has taken a new job with the Montana National Guard as an Educational Services Officer.

Ed Swetish has taken a full-time job as a retiree from Montana DES. He will continue to volunteer with Lewis and Clark County Red Cross. His efforts will be missed.

Recently appointed coordinators in District 1: Ravalli County - Reba Falk was appointed effective July 1, 1985. Reba has been county budget Officer and assistant to the commissioners for the past 12 years. Jefferson County - Commissioner Jim McCauley was appointed effective July 29, 1985, to replace Cecil "Woody" Woodgate who resigned.

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Ted Schwinden
Governor

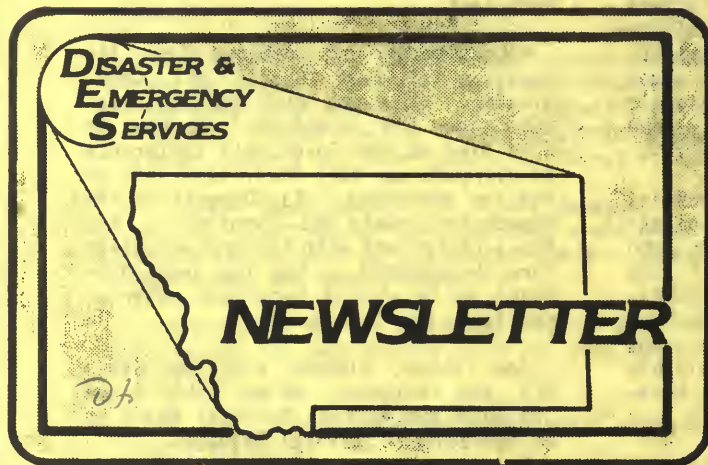
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SPARE PARTS SUPPLIER

Many local government agencies have vehicles which they received under the former surplus program. Based upon the numerous inquiries we have received, evidently finding spare parts for many of the vehicles has become a very frustrating problem.

The State Office recently received a letter from a firm stating they specialize in stocking hard to find new and new surplus spare parts for military trucks and jeeps as well as for civilian type vehicles.

For those of you having spare parts problems you may wish to contact this firm:

Irving Miller Company
1330 S. Canal Street
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